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KODANSHA COMICS

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Sumiregawa Fireworks Display Flowers Light the Night Sky
THIS YEAR'S TIME-HONORED SUMIREGAWA FIREWORKS DISPLAY WAS HELD ON THE NORTH END THIS EVENING.
SPECTATORS GATHERED IN DROVES TO ENJOY THE FESTIVITIES...
OH!
THAT'S IT!

LUCKY... I'M JEALOUS.
I'D HAVE GONE IF YOU'D CALLED ME, Y'KNOW.
ER...
S-SORRY.

I JUST STOPPED BY TO WATCH ON THE WAY HOME.

HMM.
LOOKS PRETTY.

THE BATH'S OPEN, NATSUO.
MM.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
MM.
LOOKING AT PORN?
MM.
THUD
OH, MAN.
HANA-SEMPAI'S TALENT DOESN'T EVEN FAZE ME ANY-MORE.
HER WRITING'S JUST TOO GOOD!
I THINK ...
...SHE'S EVEN MORE TALENTED THAN THAT GIRL.
THE PLOT'S BOTH SUSPENSE-FUL AND EMOTIONAL.
THE CHAR-ACTERS, THE PSYCHOLOGY, THE SETTING – EVERY ELEMENT IS INCREDIBLY FLESHED OUT!
EVEN THE SHORT STORY SHE WROTE IN MIDDLE SCHOOL WAS WAY AHEAD OF ITS TIME!

HELLO?
WHAT'S UP, FUJII...
RRRRR
RRRRR
RRRRR
...KU-
HANA-SEMPAI!
PLEASE KEEP WRIT-ING!
...!
RING
OH, SORRY TO BOTHER YOU SO LATE!
I READ YOUR WORK!
AND THESE ARE MY THOUGHTS:
YOU SHOULD KEEP WRITING!
NO- YOU *HAVE* TO!
IF ANYONE OBJECTS, THEN YOU CAN USE A PEN NAME! WRITE WHILE WORKING IF YOU HAVE TO!
IF YOU STOP, IT WOULD BE A HUGE LOSS FOR THE LITERARY WORLD.
AND MORE THAN ANYTHING, I WANT TO KEEP READING YOUR WORK!

I SEE ...
WELL, WHEN YOU PUT IT THAT WAY...
...MAYBE I'LL GIVE IT A SHOT, AFTER ALL.
MY MOM PROBABLY WON'T MIND...
...AS LONG AS IT DOESN'T INTERFERE WITH WORK.
THANKS A LOT!
I CAN'T WAIT!
AW'RIGHT! THAT REALLY GOT MY MOTOR RUNNING!
WHAT CAN I DO TO GET TO THAT LEVEL?
I'M GONNA GIVE IT MY ALL, DAMN IT!
CREAK
TSUTAYA-SAN
TSU-TAYA-SAN?
Slide to answ

I'LL BE BLUNT. I'M WONDERING IF YOU'LL WRITE AN EROTIC STORY FOR US.
HELLO?
FUJII SPEAKING.
OH. FUJII-KUN? SORRY TO CALL SO LATE.
I WANTED TO ASK YOU A FAVOR.
WHAT'S UP?
A-A-AN EROTIC STORY?!
UH-HUH. YOU KNOW HOW THERE'S AN EROTICA SECTION AT THE BACK OF BUNGEIKATO, RIGHT?
OUR USUAL AUTHOR IS DOWN AND OUT WITH A SUMMER COLD,
AND I CAN'T FIND ANYONE ELSE TO FILL IN FOR HIM.
THE GENRE'S PRETTY DIFFERENT FROM WHAT YOU'RE USED TO WRITING,
BUT DO YOU THINK YOU CAN HELP ME OUT?
...
UM...
I'VE ALREADY DECIDED THAT I WANT TO FOCUS ON HUMAN DRAMAS THAT EXPLORE THE NUANCES OF THE HEART.
I'D LIKE TO HELP, BUT...
...I DON'T KNOW ABOUT EROTICA.
I'VE NEVER WRITTEN ANY BEFORE.
WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, FUJII-KUN...

DON'T YOU THINK ...
...THE ACT OF COITUS INVOLVES ENOUGH NUANCES OF THE HEART TO DESERVE EXPLORING?
ISN'T TACKLING AND MASTERING YOUR WEAK POINTS...
...THE PATH TO IMPROVING AS AN AUTHOR?!
I... I'LL DO IT...
THANKS A TON! I OWE YOU ONE! THE CHARACTER LIMIT'S 3,000 AND THE DEADLINE'S THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW. YOU'LL GET 40,000 YEN FOR YOUR TROUBLE!
BOOP
BOOP
BOOP
BOOP
ALRIGHTY. I'M COUNTIN' ON YOU!
W-
WELL, SHIT...

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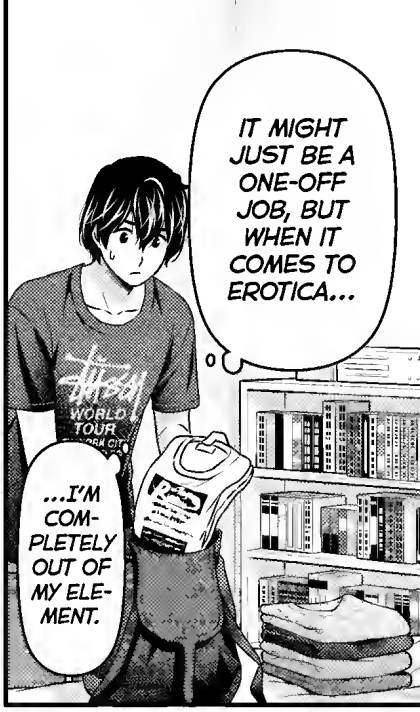
HUH?
YOU'RE GOING BACK TO YOUR APART-MENT?
YEAH. RUI'S HAND IS MOSTLY HEALED, SO SHE DOESN'T NEED MY HELP ANY-MORE.
AND IT'S EASIER TO GET TO WORK AND SCHOOL FROM THERE.
I SUPPOSE SO. BUT ARE YOU OKAY ON MONEY?
YEAH. I SHOULD GET ENOUGH FROM WORK TO STAY ON TOP OF MY BILLS SOON.
...
YOU MIGHT AS WELL STAY FOR THE WHOLE BREAK.
YOU NEED TO EAT WELL SO THE SUMMER HEAT DOESN'T GET TO YOU.
MMM. I THOUGHT ABOUT IT.
BUT I WANT TO FOCUS ON MY WRITING, TOO...
WELL, I'M NOT LYING, TECHNI-CALLY.
パタン THUD

NATSUO!
IN ORDER TO WRITE THIS, I'M BASICALLY GONNA HAVE TO LET MY FANTASIES RUN WILD.
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO CONCENTRATE WHEN ANYONE CAN COME INTO MY ROOM AT ANY MINUTE?


IT MIGHT JUST BE A ONE-OFF JOB, BUT WHEN IT COMES TO EROTICA...
...I'M COMPLETELY OUT OF MY ELEMENT.

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WELL, IT'S GONNA GET HARDER TO GO BACK THE LONGER I STAY HERE,
SO I GUESS THIS IS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY.

YOU'RE GOING BACK, HUH?
YEAH. I'VE GOT SOME STUFF TO TAKE CARE OF.

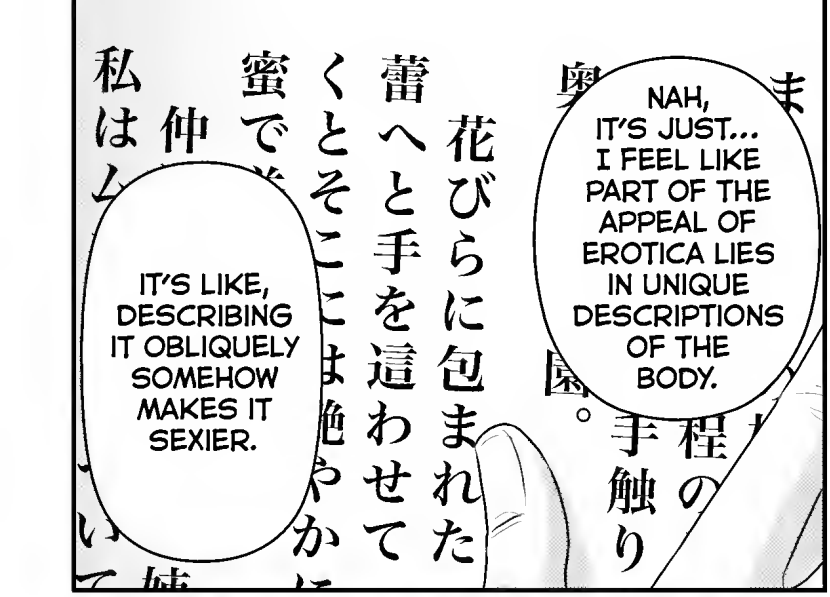
SQUEE
ッキュ
C'MON NOW...
HMM.

カチャ…
CHACK
ビクッ!!
JOLT
Lose
FOR THE RETURN OF OUR LOST PET
PLEASE

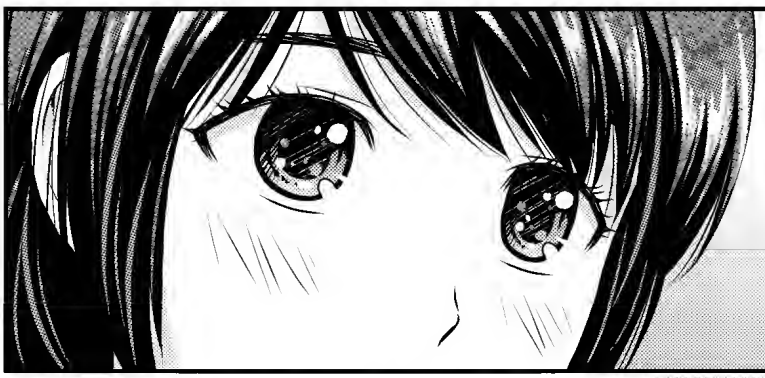
HEY. WHY DON'T YOU WAIT A WEEK AT LEAST?
PUTTING IT OFF WON'T LET US OPENLY FOOL AROUND, YOU KNOW.
NOW I WISH I'D BEEN A LITTLE MORE CLINGY...
...WHILE YOU WERE STILL AROUND.
TSUTAYA-SAN ASKED ME TO WRITE A SHORT STORY OUT OF THE BLUE.
AN EROTIC STORY, AT THAT.
THAT'S PARTLY WHY I'M LEAVING ...
A- AN EROTIC STORY ?!
YOU'RE WRITING ONE?!
O- ONE OF THE AUTHORS GOT SICK, SO I'M FILLING IN FOR HIM...
AND I CAN'T REALLY CONCEN-TRATE HERE, SO...
...
ARE YOU ...
...GOING TO WRITE ABOUT ME?

I WAS JUST JOKING, AND...
GASP
RE-MEM-BER?
YEAH. IT'LL BE A RAUNCHY EROTIC NOVEL.
I'M SURPRISED YOU DO...
...BACK DURING OUR TRIP, YOU SAID YOU'D WRITE ONE ABOUT ME.
HM?
I MEAN ...
HUH ?!
BUT THE WAY WE MET ALREADY SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHING OUT OF AN EROTIC NOVEL! I CAN JUST BASE IT OFF OF THAT!
I WASN'T SURE WHAT I SHOULD WRITE ABOUT,
?!
THAT'S IT!
GRAB
AND I ONLY ASKED YOU TO HAVE SEX BECAUSE I THOUGHT WE'D NEVER SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN.
MMM... I THOUGHT YOU SEEMED LIKE A REGULAR GUY, BUT SORTA MOODIER THAN THE OTHER TWO.
Lose
WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST IMPRESSION OF ME?!
WAS THERE A SPARK OR ANYTHING? DID YOU FEEL LIKE FATE BROUGHT US TOGETHER?
ALL RIGHT! WITH THAT SETTLED, CAN YOU GIVE ME A HAND, RUI?
UHH, OKAY ...

I'M ACTUALLY GOING TO LOSE MY VIRGINITY TO THIS GUY...
OH, GOD...
FOR EXAMPLE, LIKE...
O-OKAY...
THEN WHAT ABOUT WHEN YOU BROUGHT ME TO YOUR ROOM?!
YOU HAD TO FEEL A LITTLE NERVOUS, RIGHT?
ACTUALLY, I JUST WANTED TO GET IT OVER WITH BEFORE ANYONE CAME HOME.
WHY ME...?
SO, IF ANYTHING, I WAS KIND OF ANNOYED THAT YOU KEPT STALLING...
TUNK
ANNOYED
THIS DOESN'T SOUND EROTIC AT ALL!
DIDN'T YOU HAVE ANY... STEAMIER THOUGHTS?!
JUST USE YOUR IMAGINATION AND EMBELLISH IT A LITTLE. IT'S FICTION, AFTER ALL.
A FEW HOURS LATER.
THAT SHOULD DO IT FOR THE OPENING.
THE QUESTION IS...
...WHERE DO I TAKE IT FROM HERE?



PAGE LINE: PLACING HIS HAND AROUND HER TIGHTLY FURLED BUD, HE FELT TRACES OF SWEET NECTAR TRICKLING FROM BETWEEN THE PETALS...

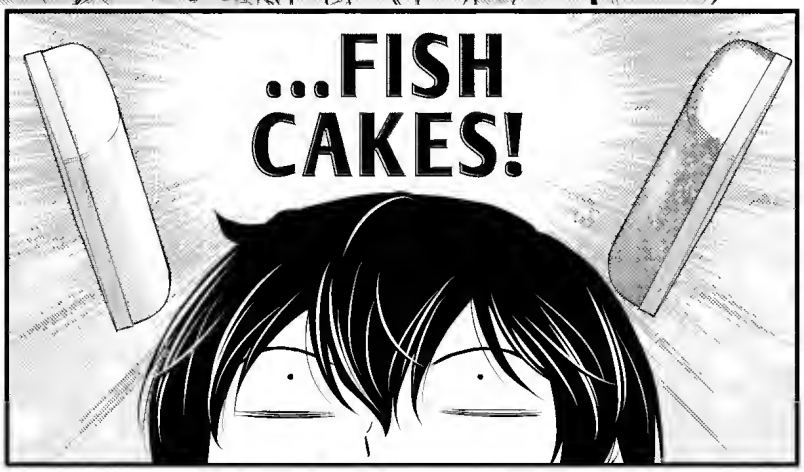


YEAH ...
SKSH
SLIP
R- READY?
...!
MAN, I CAN NEVER GET OVER ...
... JUST HOW SOFT THEY ARE!
MM...

JUST THE SENSATION IN MY HANDS IS ENOUGH TO MAKE ME FEEL LIKE MY WHOLE BODY IS WRAPPED IN THEIR SOFT EMBRACE.
IT'S AS IF I'VE WANDERED INTO A MARSH-MALLOW FOREST.
NO, EVEN SOFTER THAN THAT.
MORE LIKE ...
...SIMMERED SILKEN TOFU!
EUREKA!
CIRE
AKI
THANKS, RUI.
THAT HELPED ME CLEAR MY HEAD.
REALLY?
Lose

THINK YOU CAN...
...COME UP WITH SOME-THING GOOD?
Lose
TURN
UM...
SURE.
CAN I TOUCH YOU SOME MORE?
IS SHE GETTING TURNED ON?
YEAH...
RUI'S BLUSHING.
SHE'S SWEATING A LITTLE.
AH...

AAH...
TH-
THAT TICKLES ...


...FISH CAKES!

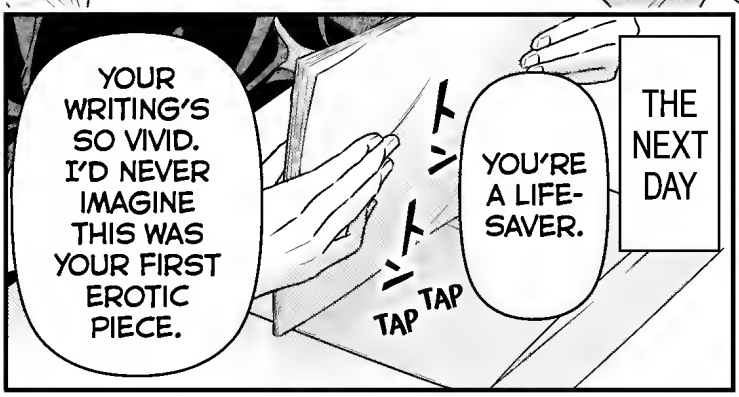
MY HANDS ARE STICKING TO HER SKIN.
IT'S SOFT AND PLEASANTLY SUPPLE, ALMOST LIKE...

THIS IS AWE-SOME.
スルッ
SLIP

GOOD STUFF! NOW WE'RE TALKING!

AT THIS RATE,
I MIGHT FINISH MY DRAFT BY THE END OF TODAY...
EVERY TIME I TOUCH YOU,
MY IMAGINATION RUNS WILD AND FILLS MY HEAD WITH IDEAS.
SOFT TWIN MOUNDS ...
A PINK SUMMIT, STANDING LIKE A RADIANT SHRINE OF THE GODS.
I FEEL AS THOUGH THEY MIGHT BURST IF I POKED THEM TOO HARD, LIKE WATER BALLOONS.
AND AT THE CREST OF THESE IRRESISTIBLE MOUNDS LIE EVEN MORE SUPPLE KNOLLS.
ALMOST LIKE...

...FRUIT GUMMIES! (PEACH FLAVORED)


YOUR WRITING'S SO VIVID. I'D NEVER IMAGINE THIS WAS YOUR FIRST EROTIC PIECE.
トン トン TAP TAP
YOU'RE A LIFE-SAVER.
THE NEXT DAY

*USE YOUR IMAGI-NATION.
SWEET BEAN BUNS!
GLAZED DUMP-LINGS!

WHY DON'T WE ADD A LITTLE VARIETY TO YOUR EXPRES-SIONS?
HUH?
I THINK IT'D BE MORE VIVID FOR READERS IF I USED FAMILIAR EXAMPLES!
BUT WHY DO ALL YOUR METAPHORS HAVE TO DO WITH FOOD?